

# Keeping Tabs

A Monthly Bulletin for  
Mission College EOPS/CARE Students



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Dear EOPS Student:

You have no doubt been hearing or seeing the news stories about the State of California's fiscal situation. Many public entities in state, county and local governments as well as K-12 and higher education systems are being adversely affected because of decreased revenues the State is bringing in. Class offerings at community colleges are being reduced, and some support services are being curtailed. EOPS and CARE direct funding from the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office was reduced by 40% this current academic year (2009-10) compared to 2008-09. Unfortunately, you have personally felt the impact of this with EOPS Grant and Book Service amounts being substantially cut and CARE services being consolidated. The budget Governor Schwarzenegger has proposed for 2010-11 includes an additional 16% reduction to EOPS. If

the proposed budget is approved our service levels will be further impacted as will our staffing. I ask for your patience and understanding as we work through these difficult budgetary times. We will continue to do all we can to preserve the EOPS and CARE programs to keep essential services intact.

You might be wondering what you can do to show your support for EOPS and the community colleges in general. Here are two ideas for your consideration:

- Contact your legislator by mail, e-mail or phone to share your thoughts. The following web site provides their contact information: [www.leginfo.ca.gov](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov). Click on "Your Legislature" and search by zip code or assembly/senate names.
- Participate in the joint California Community Colleges/California State University/University of California **March in March** at the State Capitol in Sacramento on Monday, March 22, 2010. More details about this can be found by visiting [www.iwillmarch.com](http://www.iwillmarch.com) or [www.studentsenateccc.org](http://www.studentsenateccc.org) on the web or by contacting the Mission College ASB Office at 408.855.5407.
- Participate in the "One Million Text Messages" campaign between March 12 and March 19, 2010. For details, visit: <http://www.nomorecuts.com/>

Wishing you all that's good for the remainder of the semester!

Deborah LeFalle, EOPS Director



**Save the date!**

### **Student Leadership Conference**

**Saturday, April 17th 2010, from 8:00AM-3:00PM.** There is still room to sign up. Don't miss out on a great opportunity to network, attend some workshops and hear a great key note speaker! CONTACT RENE MESA FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SIGN-UP! (408) 855-5060

### **DO NOT FORGET ABOUT THESE!**

#### ***New Requirements for the Fall 2010 Semester***

Effective spring '10 if you are planning to continue in EOPS next academic year **and** you are still eligible, you need to be registered for fall '10 classes (6.0 units general minimum, 4.5 for DISC) no later than **Tuesday, June 8, 2010**. This date is two days after spring '10 grades are scheduled to be posted on the web (June 6, 2010). Continuing students who are still EOPS-eligible but not registered in sufficient units will be notified that their participation is being discontinued.

#### **26th Annual LMSA-West Regional Conference**

On April 9-10, 2010, the University of California at San Francisco School of Medicine will host the 26th annual Latino Medical Student Association Conference. They will be celebrating 26 years of promoting the development of Latino Students through education, volunteerism, and professional networking opportunities that foster diversity, higher education, and the improved health of the Latino community. Come check out amazing workshops, keynote speakers and medical school admissions representatives to get all the information you need to succeed. Explore the world of policy and how it affects our future and current health care provision- in addition to many speakers from multiple disciplines and numerous opportunities

for professional networking. Registration will open soon! Log on to [www.lmsa.net](http://www.lmsa.net) for more information and registration updates.

### **Congratulations to the following students who were selected by Work2Future for college internships this spring!**

1. Carina Jimenez
2. Leonard Reyes
3. Baldev Singh (returnee)
4. Myra Zamora

### **Scholarship Workshop: \$\$\$**

- Get help completing your Mission College Scholarship application (deadline is 3/18!)
- Explore & find more scholarships out there waiting for you to apply
- Get expert advice to make your application stand out

**Date: Wednesday, March 3, 2010**

**Two Sessions: 11am-12pm or 4pm-5pm**

**Location: Caren/Transfer Center (E1-201)**

### **Black History Month Contest Winners**

Last month in honor of Black History Month, EOPS celebrated by having a Black History Month Question of the Week Contest to test your knowledge of California African-American history. The correct answers to the four questions of the week and the students who submitted the correct answers to win the contest are included. Congratulations and thanks for your participation!

**Week 1** At the 1968 Summer Olympics in Mexico City these two U.S. sprinters won first and third place in the 200-meter event. Upon accepting their gold and bronze medals they stood with bowed heads and raised clenched fists as The Star-Spangled Banner was played, silently making a socio-political statement protesting racial inequalities. They were later stripped of their medals for this act. Who are they?

**Answer: Tommie Smith and John Carlos**

**Winner: Pablo Segura Vargas**

**Week 2** This book is considered to be one of the most complete chronicles of early history about California's Black pioneers. It was first published in 1919, and after being out-of-print for many years was re-printed in 1998. Hint: author's first name is Delilah. What is the book's title?

**Answer:** The Negro Trail-Blazers of California

**Winner:** Diana Stevenson

**Week 3** This all-Black town was founded in Tulare County by a retired army colonel in 1908. With a vision of independence and self-sufficiency for its residents, the town began with almost 40 families and grew to nearly 300 by the end of its span of existence. Lack of water and other infrastructural deficiencies ultimately led to its demise. The site is now a California historical park that has original structures still standing (some restored) including a schoolhouse, a church, a library, a hotel, a barn, and several houses and other buildings. What is the name of the town?

**Answer:** Allensworth

**Winner:** Tung Luu

**Week 4** Long before Rosa Parks' courageous act in 1955 that helped spur the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 60s, this businesswoman and freedom fighter sued San Francisco's streetcar company in 1868 for a driver's refusal to allow her to board a trolley. Quoted as saying, "I'd rather be a corpse than a coward," she is known as the Mother of Civil Rights in California. Who was she?

**Answer:** Mary Ellen Pleasant

**Winner:** TerriLe Murphy; **Bonus Winner:** Rene Dwyer

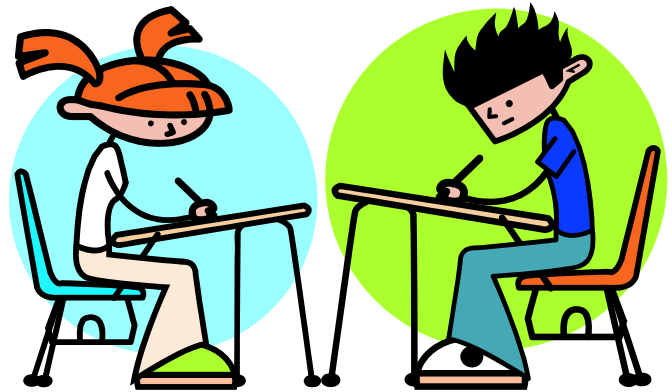
## Mental Health & Wellness Day

Thursday, April 15, 2010 11 am-3 pm, Main Building, Center Space

Gather Information from many Resources

- Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco Information
- Student Financial Aid
- Individual & Family Support
- Nutrition
- Sexual Responsibility
- Experience Free Mini Massages
- Tai Chi Demo
- Free Popcorn

Sponsored by: Student Health Services Co Sponsors: Crisis Intervention Committee & Student Services  
For more information, call 408-855-5140 or come to W1-303



## English 900 COURSES

The Writing Center is offering a .5 unit P/NP writing course to help students with their writing skills. If you are interested simply register with A&R.

## Scholarship Opportunities

**2010-11 MISSION COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP  
DEADLINE EXTENDED TO 6PM,  
THURSDAY, MARCH 18TH, 2010**

The Mission College Financial Aid Office is now offering 2010-2011 Scholarship applications on-line. The deadline to apply is March 11, 2010.

A number of new and continuing scholarship opportunities are now available for the 2010-2011 school year. Please review these scholarship opportunities to determine if you qualify. As a reminder if you will need a letter of recommendation from one of the EOPS Counselors, you should let them know ASAP to avoid a last minute rush. If you need additional information you can contact Rene Mesa for assistance.

**The Pacific Health Foundation** based in San Jose is offering summer internships for pre-professional/professional students pursuing studies in medicine, pharmacy and public health at an accredited university. Community college students who will transfer to a university in fall 2010 and hold junior status may be considered.

<http://www.pacifichealthfdn.org/get-involved.html>

**The California Student Aid Commission (Commission)** is pleased to announce that the 2010-11 Child Development Grant Program application is now available. The Child Development Grant Program (Program) is designed to encourage students to enter the field of child care and development in a licensed children's center. Students who plan to enroll at least half-time in coursework leading to a Child Development Permit are eligible to apply through the postsecondary institution they plan to be eligible an applicant must meet each of the following requirements:

- Be a U.S. citizen or an eligible noncitizen;
- Be a California resident;
- Meet federal Selective Service filing requirements;
- Submit a completed 2010-11 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to the federal processor by the final filing date (Students can fill out and submit a FAFSA online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov));
- Enroll in approved courses leading to a Child Development Permit;
- Be nominated by an eligible postsecondary institution or nominated by the employing agency; (The employing agency must hold an approved waiver of staffing qualifications on behalf of the applicant.)
- Maintain at least half-time enrollment in approved courses leading to a permit;
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined by the postsecondary education institution.

To receive funding, students must sign a Service Commitment Agreement stating they will provide one year of full-time service in a licensed children's center for each year they receive the grant. The Child Development Grant awards are from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per year, up to \$6,000, depending on the type of school the recipient is attending. The award is renewable for one year. The application is available on the Commission's website at [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov). Select "Financial Aid Programs", then "Child Development Grant Program".

*The postmark deadline to submit applications to the Commission is Tuesday, **June 15, 2010**. Applications received after this date will not be*

accepted. If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact the Commission's Specialized Programs Operations Branch at (888) 224-7268, option 3 or at [specialized@csac.ca.gov](mailto:specialized@csac.ca.gov), attention: Child Development Grant.



[Casey Family Programs](http://www.caseyfamily.org) and The Orphan Foundation of America are pleased to announce that applications are now available for the 2010-2011 academic year ([www.orphan.org](http://www.orphan.org)). The *Casey Family Scholars Program* will award approximately 75 new scholarships for undergraduate study and career/technical training at accredited institutions and programs. A limited number of graduate school scholarships will also be awarded. Scholarships include support services.



### *Announcing the 2010 "Dare to Dream" Academic Scholarship*

Foster A Dream is accepting applications for our **2010 "Dare to Dream" Academic Scholarship**. Current and former foster youth living in the Bay Area who plan to pursue or continue their higher education dreams are invited to apply. Foster A Dream will be highlighting 3 Scholarship Categories: Scholastic Achievement, Rising Above Adversity, and Community Involvement. Please contact me with questions, concerns, or if needing assistance with any part of the

scholarship at 925-228-0200 or  
[tamara@fosteradream.org](mailto:tamara@fosteradream.org).

The Health Professions Education Foundation is pleased to announce the next application deadline - March 24, 2010 - for its scholarships and loan repayments. Eligible professions include allied health, vocational and registered nurses, mental health providers, physicians and other health professions.

Scholarships (awarded to current students) range from \$4,000 to \$13,000 and loan repayments (awarded to current health professionals) range from \$8,000 to \$105,000. Applicants awarded a scholarship or loan repayments are required to provide direct patient care in a medically underserved area for a specified period of time. For more information, please visit the website at [www.healthprofessions.ca.gov](http://www.healthprofessions.ca.gov).



## Chi Am Circle - 2010 Community College Scholarship

Chi Am Circle is an Asian American women's organization based in Santa Clara County. Our organization promotes service, cultural and educational projects for the betterment of the community. Chi Am Circle has invested in the future of our youth for the past 25 years. We award scholarships to Santa Clara County Community college continuing students of Asian descent who demonstrate academic achievement, as well as involvement in the school and community. Scholarships are awarded for merit, community service, financial need and/or superior extracurricular activities (ie: performing arts, athletics, etc.) We will be awarding scholarships starting at \$1000.

### Applicants must meet all of the following requirements:

- 2009-2010 full time Santa Clara County community college student
- Students of Asian descent

- Students residing in Santa Clara County in California
- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- **How to Apply/Documents Required**

All required application documents must be included in one packet, and **postmarked by Friday, April 2, 2010. Incomplete packets will be disqualified.** Return all documents IN THE ORDER LISTED BELOW.

1. Application – Complete all parts, and verify by school administrator. Incomplete applications will be rejected.
2. Essay Question: *What does success mean to you?* (250 words maximum, typed, double spaced, 12 point font)
3. Two letters of reference from non-family member; one must be from a teacher or counselor.
4. Official college transcript (Sealed and unopened)

### Submission

Send all required documents to:  
Chi Am Circle Scholarship Committee  
c/o Paulette Young  
1896 Middleton Avenue  
Los Altos, CA 94024

**Deadline: Must be postmarked by Friday, April 2, 2010**

**For more information and to get a scholarship application, simply go the Chi Am Circle web site and then click on 2010 Scholarship Application.  
[www.chiamcircle.org](http://www.chiamcircle.org)**

## Suggestion Box

Did you know that the EOPS office has a box for students to submit suggestions for the program or the office? If you have any suggestions, comments or ideas, and would like for those suggestions to be read by our program director, then all you need to do is write it down on one of our suggestion slips, and place it in the box. The box is located at the front counter as you walk into the EOPS office.



## Reminders

- Always carry your Mission College ID card with you when you're on campus. Effective in spring 2010, you are required to have it to access EOPS services. This will allow us to serve you more quickly and confidentially.
- For your convenience, designated EOPS staff members are bilingual English/Spanish. If you need help understanding this correspondence please ask for Vicky Franco 408-855-5057 or Rene Mesa 408-855-5060.
- **Para su conveniencia, los miembros designados del personal de EOPS es bilingüe Español / Inglés. Si usted necesita ayuda para entender esta correspondencia pregunte por Vicky Franco 408-855-5057 o René Mesa 408-855-5060.**
- For your convenience, designated EOPS staff members are bilingual English/Vietnamese. If you need help understanding this correspondence please ask for Xuan Lu 408-855-5055.
- **Để thuận tiện cho bạn, chương trình EOPS có nhân viên nói được hai thứ tiếng: Anh và Việt. Nếu bạn không hiểu phần nào trong lá thư này, xin liên lạc với cô Xuan Lu ở số phone 408-855-5055.**
- If you have text books that you want to sell, trade or donate, EOPS has a Book Recycle Board located next to the front counter as you enter the EOPS office. Simply post your contact information with the book information for others to view.